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DR. KURT von SCHUSNIGG

WILL SPEAK ON

AUSTRIA YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

Schusnigg has just arrived in this country for a limited trip. The recent publication of his book "Austrian Requiem" puts this European into the limelight again. During the war, people wondered what had happened to him. He was in prison in Germany and was found by American Forces. He was an important witness at the Nuremburg trials. Hotbed of unrest and terror in Central Europe, Austria has been the focal point of two wars.

One of our own members is also due back from abroad so we are expecting to hear from him also. Guess who.....

February 4, 1947.
New York, N. Y.

In case it was not clear enough last week, the Club will not actually move into the new quarters in the Times Building until after the Dinner although our lease starts officially February First. By the way, the office and club room are on the fourth floor just above the Times sign running around the building.

Don Glassman says that the club should be decorated and furnished in top notch fashion-- not something you rescue from the cellar. The office has gotten a few offers, but not nearly enough. Ken Porter of I. T. and T. is going to get us a radio for the club room and Hester Hensell has given one for the office. Henry Gellerman of the J. S. Bache Co. offered a table and some chairs. Now we need some typewriters and some leather easy chairs first and foremost. Now is the time for you to come to the aid of the new clubroom.

The Dinner Committee met Monday, January 27th and Monday, February 3rd. There were present Egbert White, Frederic Abbott, Jack Le Vien, Ralph J. Major, Hal Lee, Ken Porter, Eugene English, William P. Reed, Marjorie Young, Irene Taylor, Curt Heymann, Stanley Ross, Bill Doerflinger, Adele Nathan and Elsie McCormick. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 8 P. M.

Formal invitation to the Dinner will be mailed to you next week, along with the reservation cards, but reservations are already being taken in the office so if you want to call in advance, you will get better seats.

The Dinner Committee decided this year to try to have one or two members at each table -- not only to represent the club but to make our guests feel that they know some of our members. Naturally, if a member gets up his own table, then the Committee is not going to take him or her away from personal guests.

Did we tell you that we are going to have a bang-up menu? Steak, no less instead of the eternal chicken or turkey. Mona Paulee, of the Metropolitan will sing.

Have you sent in your list of people who should be invited ??????

Henry Cassidy was elected President of the Anglo American Press Association of Paris at its annual meeting. Joe Griggs, Jr. of the United Press is also an officer of the Association.



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The Admissions Committee announces the names of the following:

Henry C. Cassidy, European director of the National Broadcasting Company, now in Paris. Cassidy was with the AP in Paris from 1936 to 1940 and then went to Moscow for AP in 1940 and stayed till 1944. NBC in Paris since 1945.

William McGaffin, Chicago Daily News Foreign service on roving assignment in Eastern Europe with headquarters in the Hotel Alcron, Prague, Czechoslovakia, May 1944 to May 1946 war correspondent in Guam, China, etc; Sept. 1937 to Dec. 1943 AP correspondent in England, then war correspondent in ETO, CBI Libya.

Pat Mitchell, combat correspondent. From Oct. 4, 1944, to Oct. 1945 assigned to Ninth Air Force ETO. Covered Third Army from Battle of Bulge to VE Day. From VE Day to Oct. 1945 covered USFET, etc.

Edward P. Morgan, associate editor for Europe, Collier's. Mexico 1940-43 for UP; England, Spain, Italy, Germany, 1943 to 1946 for Chicago Daily News; Middle East, Germany, 1946-47, Collier's.

Ben G. Wright, covered Ninth Air Force, London, Jan. to April 1944; April 1944 to August 1945, Ninth Air Force War Correspondents Press Camp.

Henry I. Moscow, associate New York Post writer. Formerly combat correspondent July to Dec. 1943 in Kiska, Aleutian Islands; Italy, Jan. to July 1945.

Edward Beattie, Jr. of the United Press in Europe, just came back to the States a few days ago.

Henry C. Wolfe, well known lecturer, who returned with a lot of new material from Germany recently says that the questions audiences keep asking him now is "Is Hitler Still Alive."

Johannes Steel will start a coast to coast lecture tour on March first. He says this will be a sort of holiday after ten years' hard work.

Gene Currivan of the New York Times is covering the Palestine news from Jerusalem. He is right in the thick of events taking place there.

Peggy Hull, war correspondent for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, has sold her beautiful estate, Saxton Hall, at Cornwall on the Hudson, where the club had a grand picnic before the war. Peggy-- what is the new address?



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Hal Lehrman, who returned some months ago from a year's reporting from the Balkans is the co-author of a lengthy article in the current issue of FORTUNE called "In Russia's Europe". Lehrman's observations were found to be identical with those of Fortune's European editor, Gilbert Burck, although they had both traveled independently of each other.

Leo Margolin authors the article "A Paper Bullet is No Spitball" in the February issue of the Infantry Journal.

An OPC member, who is really desperate for an apartment of anything from two to four rooms, offers to donate two hundred dollars to the Correspondents' Fund in the name of the person who would find him an abode. Call the office, if you know of an available apartment.

Harold Smith, who has represented the Motion Picture Association in Paris, for the past year, will return to the States soon. He will be stationed on the West Coast where he will serve as advisor to the studios on the acceptability of their products on the Continent.

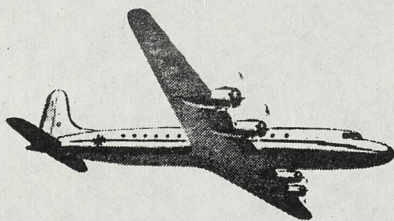
Jean Jaffe, of the Jewish Day, and Larry Allen, both OPC members, wrote the Overseas Press Club a card from Warsaw on January 23rd. They thought of all of us while waiting for a press conference to start.

Henry J. Taylor will be on the MEET THE PRESS program as one of the newspaper panel on February 7th also, in the Redbook for March. Henry will have an article which is a study of the Mentality of Bernard Baruch.

Jessie Stearns has an article in the January 6th issue of BROADCASTING entitled "Broadcasting In China."

Ned Buddy, formerly of Pathe News, is a partner in a new firm called SRF PICTURES, which will produce industrial, documentary and Commercial motion pictures. The first pictures "Singing Wires" has just been completed for the Farm Journal. Ned handled the production, which is designed to acquaint farmers of the benefits of electrification. SRF pictures is located at 45 West 45th St.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, acting on behalf of the sponsoring committee of the National Conference on the German Problem, has invited club members to attend a conference on the German problem on March 6th in the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria. Dick De Rochemont, Gregor Ziemer and Bill Shirer are also on the committee.



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The Bi Annual Business Meeting was held after the dinner on Wednesday, January 29th, at the Lotos Club. Everyone was glad to welcome Andy Tully of the N. Y. World Telegram. Hal Lehrman introduced Ahed Emin Yalman, editor and publisher of the VATAN, in Ankara, Turkey.

Bill Chaplin, President, reported that Royal Arch Gunnison had asked the Board to have Tom Morgan serve during his absence. On the death of Gunnison, Morgan became a permanent member of the Board for the current year. When Clark Lee of INS left for a prolonged assignment in the Pacific, John Barkham, of Time, Inc. was appointed to fill out his term. While John Goette was away in Japan and China, Lucian Kirtland was appointed to act as his alternate.

Ralph Frantz, Treasurer, told club members that we are in the happiest financial state since founding, with more than seven thousand dollars in the Treasury and all bills paid. Comparing with recent years at this time, we had \$670 in the Treasury in 1945 and in 1946 January, we had about two thousand.

John Goette, member of the Admissions Committee, read the report in the absence of Fred Abbott, Chairman. As of January 29th, one hundred and forty seven active and fifteen associate members had been admitted by the Committee.

John Barkham made the report of the Membership Committee and indicated that the Committee and Bill Chaplin had been active in inviting eligible foreign and war correspondents to join.

Hester Hensell, Secretary, said that our membership tops by far five hundred members now, with almost four hundred active members in this country, another seventy five abroad, then about sixty associate members and about thirty inactive members. She said that there had been a luncheon held every week during the year, except for holidays, and all through the summer. Anywhere from seventy five to 125 members and guests attend our luncheons every week.

Highlights of the past nine months have been the Simon Bolivar reception of the Inter American Committee; the picnic at Lowell Thomas; the book "Deadline Delayed" to be published by Dutton's; the Awards Dinner for war correspondents in Washington. The work of the Freedom of the Press Committee with Bruno Shaw as Chairman, was commended as was the obtaining of jobs for members by the club office. The new committee on a blanket passport for correspondents in occupied zones is hard at work on plans according to Jimmy Young.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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